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Military Veterans to Receive Much Needed Support at Veterans Expo, Seminars and Clinics

SAN ANTONIO - The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) is hosting a Veterans Expo, Seminars, and Clinics in San Antonio on Saturday, May 18, at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, 111 East Pecan Street.

During this all-day event, attendees will have the opportunity to attend specific, Veteran-focused seminars and clinics and learn about programs and benefits available to Veterans in Texas.

“Many Veterans are not aware of the full breadth of benefits they have earned through their service to our country,” says Thomas Palladino, Executive Director for the Texas Veterans Commission. “This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about their state and federal benefits at our seminars and clinics as well as meet with one of our counselors at this free event.”

The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a “Beating the VA Backlog” Clinic where Texas Veterans, family members and survivors can get one-on-one guidance with their pending disability claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). TVC holds backlog events in order to serve Veterans through the State Strike Force Teams, which were created by Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, and House Speaker Joe Straus in July 2012. The teams’ mission is to help reduce the backlog of disability claims in Texas since the number of backlogged claims has more than doubled since 2010 and the wait times for Veterans are continuing to increase.

At 9:00 a.m., the Veteran Entrepreneur Seminar will begin, and participants will receive information regarding business plan development, financial guidance, management and marketing assistance through mentorship and franchising opportunities.

At noon, the Women Veterans Seminar will begin, and attendees will receive current information on healthcare, housing assistance, and other benefits unique to women Veterans in Texas.

Also at 12:00 pm, the Expo will open and will feature state, local, and federal agencies, Veterans organizations, nonprofits, colleges, and companies that provide Veteran-specific services for Veterans and their families. Participants include the Veteran Land Board (VLB), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), USAA, VFW, TexVet, U.S. Department of Defense, and more.

During the Expo, there will also be an Employment Workshop and Clinic that will feature topics such as completing winning Federal applications; interviewing and dressing for success; and navigating the federal employment process.

In addition to the Employment Workshop and Clinic, there will be an Education Clinic where Veterans and their family members can talk to a program specialist about the education benefits available to them, including the GI Bill, Hazlewood, and On-the-Job Training.

"TVC is proud to administer these initiatives to keep Texas Veterans informed of available resources and benefits that help improve the quality of their lives," said Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of TVC. "These clinics and seminars will provide up-to-date resources so that Texas Veterans will have the tools they need to achieve their goals."

The Veterans Expo and Clinic in San Antonio is free of charge and open to all Veterans, active duty personnel, and their family members. Space is limited for these events and registration is strongly encouraged: www.tvc.texas.gov/Veterans-Expo.aspx

Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled.

For more information, go to www.tvc.texas.gov.

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